

WANT FLAG ON ALL DISTRICT BUILDINGS

Children to Make Appeal for Decorations During Inauguration Week.

LETTERS SENT TO TEACHERS

Committee Asks Schools to Take Matter Up With Pupils Monday.

With the hope of having every residence as well as business establishment in the National Capital decorated during inauguration week, the committee on street decorations today prepared to appeal to the parents of all the school children in Washington.

Chairman Selden M. Ely, of the subcommittee on public schools and home decorations, has written a letter which every teacher will read to her pupils next Monday, urging the youngsters to assist their parents in decorating residences.

The children are expected to inform their parents of the letter and thus serve as a means of communication between Chairman Ely and the homes.

Text of Letter.
The letter, the reading of which has been sanctioned by the Board of Education, is as follows:

"To the Pupils of the Public Schools:
"It is the duty of the public schools to assist in the inauguration of a new President of the United States. In this way you will show your love of country and extend a welcome to all who visit Washington at this period."

"Your flag should be hung to the breeze on a pole and never tied down in any grotesque pattern. Especially as you live in the National Capital, the flag should be displayed in a similar manner at your home on all patriotic holidays, including Flag Day."

"No American flag should be used as a covering for lumber, platform of balcony. When clusters and drapings of colors are desired, bunting or cloth should be used, but never the flag."

"The members of the general committee want you to co-operate with them in securing a larger use of the flag and a more artistically decorated city. In this way you will be considered by them as most useful contributors."

Letters Received.

Letters were received by Colonel Harper today from Governor Whitman of New York, Governor Beckman of Rhode Island, Governor Cox of Ohio, and Governor Bibbo of Mississippi, signifying the intention of these executives to ride in the inaugural parade at the head of the military or civic organizations from their States.

Several scores of mayors of cities throughout the country have accepted invitations to attend. Among the acceptances today were those from mayors of Norfolk, York, Pa., Hartford, Conn., St. Louis, Holyoke, Lawrence, and Lynn, Mass., and Schenectady, N. Y.

DAUGHTER STILL MISSING

No Trace Yet Found of Miss Helen Zier.

After another night of fruitless searching, Jacob Zier, of 1236 D street northeast, today is still without a clue to the whereabouts of his seventeen-year-old daughter Helen, who left home Sunday afternoon to go to church and failed to return. Zier, who is a motorman on one of the city car lines, has spent practically all his time since Sunday looking for his daughter.

Police throughout the city have been given a detailed description of the girl with instructions to watch for her. She is described as being about five feet six inches tall, and weighing about 130 pounds. She has light hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion.

She wore a brown dress, black shoes with white spots, a mixed green coat and a small black hat.

FIGHTS EVICTION SUIT.

Suit to restrain S. S. Kregge from prosecuting a landlord and tenant proceeding to dispossess him was instituted in the District Supreme Court today by James J. Crowley, a saloon-keeper, of 702 E street northwest. Kregge recently purchased the property. Crowley declares that he had a lease from Moses Goldenberg, the former owner, with a covenant for renewal. He asks that the new owner be required to give him a renewal of the lease as the grantee of Goldenberg. Attorney Henry W. Sohon appears for Crowley.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL

Alexandria Students Compete Tonight In Final Reading and Oratory Contests Under Auspices of Literary Society.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 16.—Students of the Alexandria High School will compete in the final contests this evening at the high school auditorium in reading and oratory, under the auspices of the literary society of the school.

The exercises will begin at 7:30. It is stated that the judges will be chosen from teachers of education in Washington. Quite a large number of pupils will compete in the reading contest, but there will only be three orators, Willard Blewett, Reginald Dyson and Walter Barrett. The winner in the reading contest will take part in the reading contest to be held at the University of Virginia on May 12, while the winner of the oratorical contest will represent the Alexandria High School in a preliminary contest against the Herndon High School.

Paul Hamilton, thirteen years old, was sentenced to the reform school at Laurel, near Richmond, this morning by Judge Caton, on the charge of having robbed the house of Kemp Lambeth, on North Columbus street, and also the house of J. Laurence Perry, cashier of the Alexandria National Bank, at Braddock Heights, a few weeks ago, on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Amy C. Welch, of this city, national organizer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, left yesterday for Heflin, Ala., where she will spend a month in the interest of the organization.

The Rev. George A. Miller, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian Church, of Washington, will preach in the Christian Mission, in this city, on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and conduct communion service.

John Trimmer will deliver an address before the Wesley Bible class of the Methodist Church South at the Young People's Building Sunday morning at 9:30.

The Rev. Richard Smith, of Washington, will speak on the Evangelical Church of Germany, at the Robert Chapel in this city this evening. He will be accompanied by his wife, and they will sing several songs in German.

Master Donald Edward Jameson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jameson, is ill with typhoid fever at their home, 225 North Royal street.

Miss May Fair, formerly of Warrenton, but who has recently been residing at Toronto, Canada, and Thomas Wells, of New York, are to be married early next month in New York city.

Arrangements for the annual celebration and banquet of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., to be held on February 22, Washington's Birthday, are practically completed. The banquet will be served in the armory, which is being put in proper condition for the event.

Mrs. Frank S. Harper, of 509 Prince street, tripped and fell over a rug at her home yesterday afternoon and sustained a fracture of the ankle. She was preparing to entertain friends at tea when the accident occurred. Miss Bessie Hill, Mrs. Harper's sister, received her guests for her.

Frederick Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ayers, 424 South Washington street, died yesterday. The funeral will be held Monday.

Capt. William B. Smithers returned from Richmond yesterday, where he went for treatment for throat difficulty at St. Luke's Hospital.

Stanley G. Blanton, of the Alexandria High School, entertained friends last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, at Rosemont.

C. W. Webb, of Statesville, N. C.; James L. Wilmett, of Washington, and C. M. Money, of Vienna, delivered

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EMBARGO CAUSES CRISIS IN CHICAGO

Thousands Likely to Be Thrown Out of Work Unless Some Action Is Taken.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Chicago business men, whose industries are menaced by the freight blockade, are facing the most serious situation since the threatened railway strike last summer.

With their inability to get their finished products or raw materials to the markets, the prediction came today that unless there is immediate relief thousands of workers will be thrown out of employment.

The embargo on further shipments for export, which was decided upon by representatives of thirty railroads at Washington, virtually brought the matter to a focus here.

Officials in Conference.
Rail officials and members of the Chicago Board of Trade held a conference in an attempt to devise some measure for relief.

Practically the only solution offered was the move to urge President Wilson to either allow merchant vessels to arm themselves or to furnish convoys.

Grain shipments to the East from Chicago are at a standstill, and domestic stagnation is becoming pronounced.

Millions of dollars worth of freight is lying in warehouses here awaiting cars. In Detroit \$10,000,000 worth of new cars are awaiting shipment.

Driven Across Country.
One hundred new cars, being driven across country in preference to waiting transportation, passed through Chicago today.

Several more embargoes were declared by Western roads today. The Texas and Pacific put up the bars on grain to New Orleans; the Santa Fe, Katy, and Burlington on perishables to east of Illinois.

KANSAS CITY SITUATION BAD

Only Two-thirds as Many Hogs Coming In Now.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—The Middle West is facing the worst freight tie-up and car shortage in its history. The five Western stock markets received only two-thirds as many hogs in the last twenty-four hours as was received a week ago. The price was not materially affected.

Wholesale embargoes are announced here by the Atchafalaya, Topeka, and Santa Fe, the Union Pacific, and the St. Louis and San Francisco railroads.

The Texas and Pacific railroad has placed an embargo against shipments east of the Illinois State line, while the Missouri, Kansas and Texas announced an embargo against export grain to Galveston.

This latter step it was planned, would stop almost the entire export grain trade from Gulf ports.

ST. PAUL SEES SHORTAGE

Fears Flour Famine Unless Embargoes Are Soon Lifted.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 16.—If present embargoes on wheat shipments and the pronounced car shortage continue much longer a flour famine in the East will be the inevitable result. This prediction is made by the Northwestern Miller.

The publication points out that last week's output of flour was 221,640 barrels, 2,355 barrels below the previous week, and 133,755 barrels less than the same week in 1916.

Flour mills have not been running full capacity for several weeks and millers are protesting vigorously against the car shortage.

That 5,000 empty cars were being held in Twin City yards, ostensibly in "bad order," but primarily to be put into service for transportation

SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile, and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes itchy, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes, all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected, organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

Every man and woman, sick or well, should drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, to wash out the liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible material, the poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. Limestone phosphate does not restrict the diet like calomel, because it cannot salivate, for it is harmless and you can eat anything afterward. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, and any pharmacist will sell you a quarter pound, which is sufficient for a demonstration of how hot water and limestone phosphate cleanse, stimulate and freshen the liver, keeping you feeling fit day in and day out—Advt.

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"Oldest Savings Bank in Washington."
WADE H. COOPER, Pres.

of coal in case of a shortage, was the charge made by G. G. Riegger, of the Gould Grain Company, of Minneapolis.

NEW RAILWAY EMBARGOES

Burlington, Rock Island, and Santa Fe Refuse Shipments.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—Further restrictions, amounting to virtual embargo on the acceptance of freight destined to point east, have been placed in effect by the Burlington, Rock Island, and Santa Fe railroads at shipping points in this territory.

The three roads are capable of handling freight as far east as the Missouri river, but have been compelled to put in restrictive orders because of the refusal of the lines east to accept freight.

NEW YORK SEES HOPE

Looks for Relief From Cars Rushed to Western Points.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Relief from the danger of food shortage in New York was hoped for today in steps taken to rush cars west in order to carry supplies to New York.

A serious shortage of flour and wheat in the East probably will be relieved by promises here to turn in an empty for every loaded car sent from the West.

Several railroads have agreed to begin immediately sending solid trains of empty cars West and South, these trains to have the right of way over all others, except passengers.

TO ORDER BALLOON FLEET

Rubber Companies Make Contracts With United States.

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 16.—The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, will, within a week, close contracts with the United States Government for building a fleet of dirigible balloons. It was announced here today.

The companies will build all the rubber equipment and the Curtiss Aeroplane Company, of Buffalo, will build the engines.

WEDS ALMSHOUSE INMATE

MAUCH CHUNG, Pa. Feb. 16.—Michael Hokansky, of Penn Haven, walked to the Lowrytown almshouse yesterday and asked Steward Jaugh to permit him to pick a wife from the women inmates. His wish was granted and after looking carefully over the eligibles he selected Fannie Wehalschik, a comely young woman, who consented to marry him. They at once went to Weatherly and were made man and wife. Hokansky has an account in the Mauch Chunk National Bank.

CAPITAL FACES EMBARGO CRISIS

Likely to Suffer Serious Inconveniences Because of Freight Restrictions.

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food shipments, like those of coal, they predict, are apt to be expedited. Washington is fortunate, too, it is stated, in being easily accessible to the South, where the embargo applies only to points north and west of the District.

Some Congestion Here.

At the Potomac yards today there is a considerable congestion of shipments to points north of Wilmington, but this does not affect this city.

The Chesapeake and Ohio road lifted its embargo recently, and news has not yet been received here that this line is affected by the "gentlemen's agreement" of yesterday.

This open door for Southern shipping is expected to relieve some of the demand here for lumber, as a considerable proportion of the lumber used comes from the South. That which comes from the West is likely to be held up.

Railroad freight agents here today had little information about the embargo. They stated it is not customary to inform receiving points about embargoes. Therefore they can only speculate on the effect on Washington by a study of the embargoes on the places from which Washington's shipments come.

Print Paper Delayed.

Much of the print paper used here, it was stated, comes from Kalamazoo, Mich., and they believe that shipments from that point will be delayed.

The supplies for the Washington Navy Yard are coming in as usual, it was stated, because the Government is exempted from any application of the embargo.

SNOW WORRIES BUFFALO

Retards Efforts to Relieve Freight Congestion.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Another heavy snow today added to the already frost-incrusted railroad yards and greatly retarded efforts to relieve the freight congestion here.

The New York Central claims to have its yards practically open, and delivery of coal and most needed materials for local industries is promised.

Railroads were endeavoring to rush across the river a vast supply of raw material and merchandise of all kinds for Canada's war-stimulated industries. Thousands of loaded freight cars for the east are also congested here.

General Manager J. W. Rogers, of

the Pennsylvania railroad, said today he believed conditions were improving. He did not want to promise anything, but hoped that the embargo against the city could be lifted by Monday.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16.—Shortages of foodstuffs, fuel and fodder were pinching Pittsburgh today.

Many cars of canned goods, fruits, and live stock, consigned to this city, are on the railroads while prices continue to shoot skyward. Many of the cars have been en route for weeks, particularly those from the West.

The coal shortage has brought about a serious situation. Mayor Armstrong succeeded in getting four cars of coal through to keep North Side pumping stations open, but the water is far below normal in all city reservoirs.

MAKES MONEY ON ELECTION

Stakeholder May Collect Interest Amounting to \$16,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Jim O'Leary says he is custodian of \$650,000 of other people's money, placed with him, as stakeholder, on Wilson-Hughes bets at the last election. The average bet placed with O'Leary was made about October 15.

O'Leary announced yesterday that he would not pay off until inauguration day. He yawned when asked about the election money.

"Of course you know, you said you'd pay those election bets when Congress formally declared him elected—of course you'll pay them now?"

"Of course not; I'll wait till inauguration," said Mr. O'Leary.

"Why?"

"Because that is the rule."

"Whose rule?"

"My rule."

At 6 per cent, interest on \$650,000 from October 15 to March 4, will be about \$16,000.

WAR WAIFS FIND HOMES

Holland Welcomes 'Pitiable Little Refugees From Northern France.'

ROOZENDAL, Holland, Feb. 16.—The first party of children from the occupied portion of France, numbering 250, have arrived here. They came chiefly from Lille and Lens, and the homes of some of them were not far from the fighting line. The children, who had been three days on the journey, were warmly welcomed by the Franco-Dutch committee.

Their ages ranged from six to fourteen years. They presented a most distressing spectacle, bearing evident signs of having suffered want and hardships, and all told sad stories of scarcity of food and lack of milk, bread, and meat.

After they had been regaled with a good meal the children were divided into groups, and will be distributed to seven Dutch towns, where they will remain until the end of the war. The arrival of 2,500 more children is expected shortly.

THE EQUITABLE

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The 57th Annual Report of the Society shows substantial gains in all items of essential importance, including an increase in the interest rate, and decreases in the expense and mortality rates.

The New Insurance paid for amounts to \$209,706,988. An increase over the previous year of \$51,250,376.

The Outstanding Insurance amounts to \$1,607,089,581. An increase of \$77,203,528.

Payments to Policyholders in 1916, \$58,915,422. Total since organization, \$1,100,057,839.

ASSETS, December 31, 1916..... \$562,381,599

INSURANCE RESERVE..... \$459,860,621

OTHER LIABILITIES..... 10,886,279

SURPLUS RESERVES:

For Distribution to Policyholders in 1917..... \$16,266,040

Awaiting apportionment on deferred policies..... 63,854,448

For Contingencies..... 11,514,211

\$562,381,599

In addition to the ordinary forms of life insurance the Equitable makes a specialty of the following:

Insurance to protect business firms and corporations.

Group Insurance, by which employers protect families of employees.

A flexible contract which can be converted by the Insured into an Ordinary Life, Limited Payment Life, or Endowment Policy.

A Bond giving the investor an income for his declining years.

A new policy is offered under which the insurance is DOUBLED if death results from ACCIDENT. This policy also embodies the following advantages if the person whose life is insured becomes totally and permanently disabled:

1. Thereafter the Equitable will carry the insurance—The Insured will have nothing further to pay.

2. The Equitable will pay the Insured an annual income for life equal to one-tenth of the face of the policy.

3. Upon the death of the Insured the full amount of the insurance will be paid to the Beneficiary (or double the amount if death is due to accident) without deduction on account of the income paid to the Insured while living.

(See the policy for conditions and details.)

The Annual Report embodying the Financial Statement, verified by Public Accountants, and further details regarding the Equitable's policies will be sent to any address on request.

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Mr. Ferdinand King, a New York City physician and author, says: "There can be no strong, vigorous, iron men nor beautiful, healthy, rosy-cheeked women without Iron—Nuxated Iron taken three times per day after meals, will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folks 200 per cent in two weeks' time in many instances. Avoid the old forms of metallic iron, which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach, and thereby do more harm than good. Take only organic Iron—Nuxated Iron." It is dispensed in this city by James O'Donnell's Drug Store and People's Drug Store and all good druggists.—Advt.

Use "Gets-It," Lift Corn Right Off

Shrivels, Loosens—and It's Gone!
"Just like taking the lid off—that's how easy you can lift a corn off your foot after it has been treated with the wonderful discovery, 'Gets-It.' Hunt the wide world over and you'll find nothing so simple, so easy, so 'Gets-It.' You folks who



have wrapped your toes in bandages to look like bundles, who have used salves that turned your toes raw and sores, and used plasters that would shift from their place and never 'get' the corn, and who have dug and picked at your corns with knives and scissors and perhaps made them bleed—just quit these old and painful ways and try 'Gets-It' just once. You put 2 or 3 drops on, and it dries at once. There's nothing to stick at. You can put your shoe and stocking right on again. The pain is all gone. Then the corn dies a painless, shriveling death. It loosens from your toe and off it comes. 'Gets-It' is the biggest selling corn remedy in the world today. There's nothing else as good. 'Gets-It' is sold by druggists everywhere. 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.
Sold in Washington and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by O'Donnell's Drug Store, People's Drug Stores, P. G. Atfield—Advt.